

HB 477 -- EVIDENCE JUSTIFYING A SENTENCE OF DEATH

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In cases for which the death penalty is authorized, this bill requires a jury or a judge, in a jury-waived trial, to consider whether the offender's continued life would constitute a threat to another or society if the evidence as a whole justifies a sentence of death. If the offender's continued life would constitute a threat to another or society, the court may sentence the offender to death. If, however, the judge or jury determines that the offender's life would not constitute a threat to another or society, the offender shall not be sentenced to death.